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SUBJECT: FRENCH REPORT FROM PEKING CONCERNING CAMBODIA

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA (INDOCHINA) BOLLE TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 19 THAT FRENCH EMBASSY IN PEKING HAD REPORTED THAT KHIEU SAMPHAN WAS PREPARING A VISIT TO A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES. CAPITALS WOULD INCLUDE: BUCHAREST, BELGRADE, TIRANA AND ALGIERS. IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT A QUESTION AT THIS TIME OF SAMPHAN'S VISITING MOSCOW, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO DO SO AT LEAST ON HIS RETURN FROM THE ABOVE CAPITALS. FRENCH WERE CONFUSED BY THE LACK OF SOVIET WELCOME. SOVIETS DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THEY WERE DISPLEASED WITH SAMPHAN'S TRIP TO PEKING AND THE PRC'S RECEPTION BUT THEY GAVE NO PRECISE REASONS.

2. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THAT THE PRC'S WELCOME TO SAMPHAN WAS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH CLOSER CONTACT WITH THE "FORCES OF THE INTERIOR." THE PRC APPEARED  
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CONVINCED THAT THE KHMER COMMUNIST PARTY WISHED A

CAMBODIAN CAMBODIA AND THEREFORE WERE PREPARED TO STRENGTHEN CONTACTS WITH A PARTY WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED TO LEAN TOWARD THE USSR, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DRV. RECEIVING SAMPHAN LIKE A CHIEF OF STATE OBVIOUSLY HEIGHTENED HIS STATURE AND SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED THAT OF SIHANOUK. SAMPHAN WAS NOW ACCEPTED AS HAVING IN ADDITION TO HIS "INTERIOR" FUNCTION AN INTERNATIONAL ROLE, AN AREA PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR SIHANOUK. GOF BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRC DOES NOT INTEND TO DROP SIHANOUK, BUT MERELY TO EXPAND ITS CONTACTS WITH THE KHMER LEFT.

3. GOF THOUGHT THAT DESPITE HIS RELATIVE DOWNGRADING, SIHANOUK WOULD ACQUIESCE IN THE NEW ROLE OF SAMPHAN. OLD ANTAGONISMS MAY REMAIN, BUT SAMPHAN AND SIHANOUK BOTH ARE AWARE OF THE UTILITY OF THE OTHER.

4. BOLLE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR MANAC'H HAD REPORTED TO PARIS HIS CONVERSATION WITH USDEL HEAD BRUCE, A CONVERSATION WHICH HAD INCLUDED A DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIA. GOF THOUGHT SUCH CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE MUTUALLY USEFUL.  
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